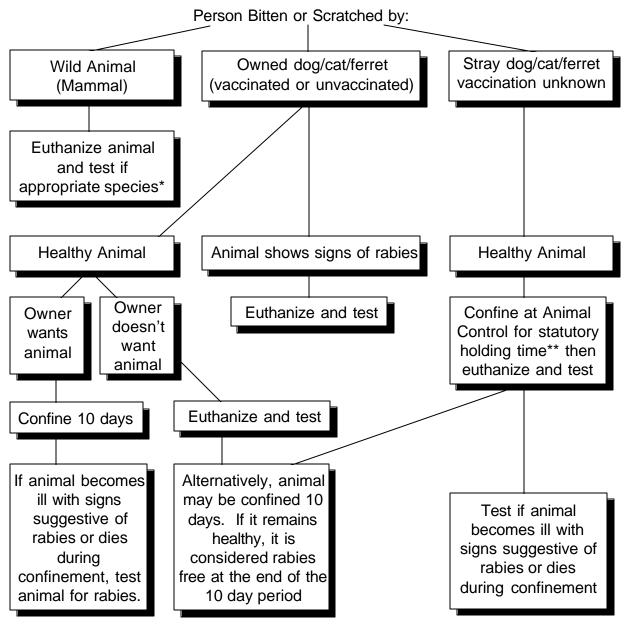
## RABIES PROTOCOL FOR MAMMALS THAT HAVE BITTEN PEOPLE



<sup>\*</sup>The following animals are **not considered likely to carry rabies** and will not be tested except by special arrangements with the Michigan Department of Community Health (517) 335-8165:

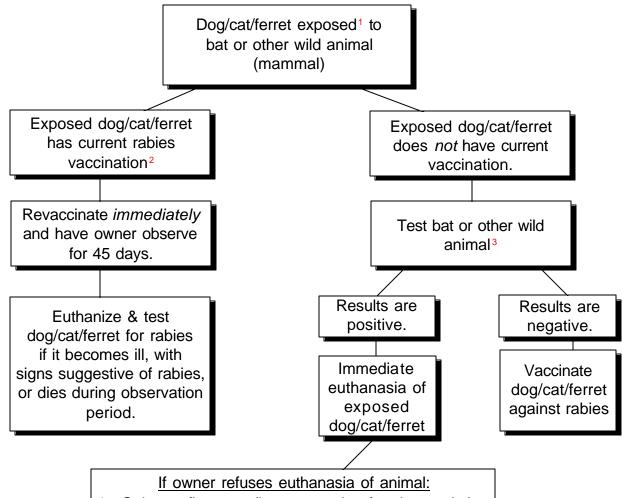
After 5:00 p.m. and on weekends dial (517) 335-9030

Chipmunk Gopher Hamster Mouse Prairie Dog Rat Squirrel Gerbil Guinea Pig Mole Muskrat Rabbit Shrew Vole

NOTE: Woodchucks are an exception to this list and are tested.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Act 224 of 1969: Four days with no collar, license, MDA tattoo, or other evidence of ownership, or seven days with evidence of ownership.

## PROTOCOL FOR DOGS, CATS & FERRETS POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO RABIES



- 1. Strict confinement (i.e., quarantine for six months).
- 2. Vaccinate for rabies at month five of confinement.
- 3. If dog/cat/ferret becomes ill with signs suggestive of rabies, euthanize and test for rabies, or if it dies during confinement period test for rabies.
- If there is any question of exposure, first call your local health department and animal control offices. If they are unavailable, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) at (517) 373-1077 during business hours, or call the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at (517) 335-8165 during business hours. After 5:00 p.m. and on weekends call MDCH at (517) 335-9030, or the MDA at (517) 373-0440.
- 2 Current rabies vaccination is vaccination by a veterinarian within 12 months if it was the animal's first vaccination. First vaccination is by four months of age for dogs, 12 weeks for ferrets. Cats are not required to be vaccinated by Michigan law, but rabies vaccination is strongly recommended due to the predatory nature of cats. For subsequent rabies vaccinations, current means administered by a veterinarian within one or three years from the previous vaccination, depending on the vaccine used.
- 3 If bat or wild animal is not available for testing, you must proceed as if it is positive for rabies.

SEE LIST ON OPPOSITE SIDE FOR ANIMALS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A RABIES RISK.